Department of Environment, Government of NCT of Delhi

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To

The Principal/ Director, Eco-Club School/ College of Delhi.

Sub: Awareness creation regarding ban on Sharp Manja in NCT of Delhi

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Kite flying is popular sport amongst young children and students and it catches pace weeks before, during and after the Independence Day celebrations in the month of August every year.

However, kite flying by using thread made out of plastic, nylon or similar such synthetic material including popularly known "Chinese thread/ manja" or any other thread coated with glass/ metallic components causes a lot of injury to human beings and birds which many a times turns out to be fatal. Such deaths and incidents have been seen in the news also during the last few years.

Apart from this, such kite flying threads being non-biodegradable, also cause harm to the environment. These also sometimes result in flash-over on the power lines and sub-stations thereby causing power interruptions to consumers, straining and damaging electrical assets, causing accidents, injuries and loss of life.

Therefore, in order to prevent adverse effects on human beings, birds, environment and electrical assets, etc. Govt. of NCT of Delhi had issued a Notification on 10.01.2017 (copy enclosed) making the following directions: -

- 1. There shall be complete ban on the sale, production, storage, supply, import, and use of kite flying thread made out of nylon, plastic or any other synthetic material including popularly known as "Chinese manja" and any other kite-flying thread that is sharp or made sharp such as by being laced with glass, metal or any other sharp materials in the National Capital Territory of Delhi.
- Kite flying shall be permissible only with a cotton thread, free from any sharp/ metallic/glass components / adhesives/ thread strengthening materials.

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Any breach of the above directions may be reported to the office of the following:

S.No.	Designation	Email ID	Helpline Number
1.	The Commissioner of Police, Delhi Police	cp.snshrivastava@delhipolice.gov.in	100
2.	The Divisional Commissioner, GNCTD	divcom@nic.in	1077
3.	The Chief Wildlife Warden, GNCTD	prabhat.tyagi@nic.in dcfhqgnctd@gmail.com	9868206540 9412057684
4.	The Commissioner, North Delhi Municipal Corporation	commissioner-ndmc@mcd.gov.in	155304
5.	The Commissioner, South Delhi Municipal Corporation	commissioner-sdmc@mcd.gov.in	1800111140
6.	The Commissioner, East Delhi Municipal Corporation	commissioner-edmc@gmail.com	155303

The violation of directions issued under section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, or the rules made thereunder shall be punishable under section 15 of the said Act which include imprisonment upto five years and/or with fine which may be extended to Rs. One Lac or with both.

May I, therefore, request you to kindly conduct online awareness campaign amongst the students of your school/ college and ensure that kite flying is done only with a cotton thread, free from any sharp/ metallic/ glass components / adhesives/ thread strengthening materials. It is further requested that the details of the concerned authorities as listed above may kindly be widely circulated so that any violations observed may be reported to them in the public interest at large.

With regards,

Encl.: Copy of Notification dt. 10.01.2017

Yours Sincerely,

(Nigam Agarwal)
Sr. Scientific Officer (Environment)

Copy to:

1. Director (Higher Education), GNCTD

2. Director (Education), GNCTD